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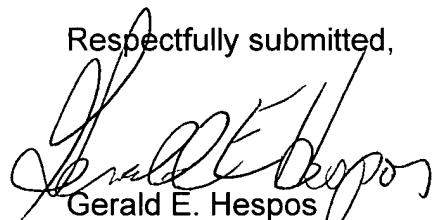
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by copies of Form PTO-1449 which identify several prior U.S. patents. The references listed on the attached forms relate to earlier work by the assignee of the subject invention in the field of connections for high pressure fuel injection pipes.

The Examiner is requested to consider this prior art during the examination and to make the references of record.

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